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World's Largest Boat Show Set for Oct. 30 - Nov. 3

On behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale I am proud to welcome the 44th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show to our City during the week of October 30 to November 3.

Our City is delighted to receive the world's largest boat show with more than 3 million square feet of exhibit space, both on land and on water. More than 1,600 exhibitors will display everything from multi-million dollar superyachts to gadgets and electronics under \$20. This year's show will cover six locations and feature more than \$1.6 billion worth of boats, yachts, super yachts and accessories from every marine manufacturer and boat builder world wide.

The show will also feature three levels of exhibitors at the Convention Center, Marine Seminars, the Guy Harvey Underwater Realm and the

award-winning Kids Fishing Clinics, live music, food and drink.

One exciting enhancement to this year's show is the \$17 million makeover of the Radisson Bahia Mar Yachting Center. This new state-of-the-art marina features 250 slips with berths for 100 megayachts.

The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show has become Florida's most significant economic event with an estimated economic impact of \$500 million to our region. It is a spectacular event for our City as at least 130,000 visitors from all over the world stream into our hotels and restaurants spending the kind of dollars that help our businesses through some of the quieter times. All the major maritime countries are represented including Italy, Germany, Holland, Australia, Taiwan, New Zealand, Great Britain, Spain, Canada, and many South

American countries, creating a truly international festival atmosphere throughout our City.

The partnership between the marine industry and our city is vital to our ongoing economic health. It is the "economic engine" that drives our city. Added to the tremendous economic impact of the boat show each year are the 109,000 marine industry employees who make Broward County their home.

I am very happy to be able to welcome the 44th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show to Fort Lauderdale this year, and I appreciate the industry's significant contribution to our community.

For more information about the 44th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, please call Show Management at (954) 764-7642 or visit www.showmanagement.com.

Notice to Comcast Cable Subscribers



The City of Fort Lauderdale is working with Comcast Cable, the City's franchised cable operator, to provide enhanced services to our citizens.

In an effort to improve cable services, the City of Fort Lauderdale encourages all City residents who are cable subscribers to contact the City of Fort Lauderdale Cable Television Office with complaints that have not been resolved by Comcast Cable.

To report a complaint for the first time, please contact **Comcast Cable** at (954) 252-1937.

For complaints that have been reported to Comcast Cable but have not been resolved, or for questions or comments, please contact the City of Fort Lauderdale's Cable Television Office at (954) 828-3180.

If you would like this publication in an alternate format (large print, audio tape) please contact Leslie Backus at (954) 828-4747 or email lbackus@fortlauderdale.gov.

City of Fort Lauderdale to Host Environmental Leadership Forum

The City of Fort Lauderdale has been selected as one of only three metropolitan areas in the United States to participate in a national Environmental Leadership Forum sponsored by the American Water Works Association Research Foundation or AwwaRF.

The Environmental Leadership Forum will take place on Friday, October 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Guest Suites Galleria Hotel, located at 2670 Sunrise Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale. The event, which will also be held in San Diego and the Kansas City area later this fall, will be attended by federal, state, local and not-for-profit environmental representatives and stakeholders.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is the first city to host the Forum and, as the lead city, will be an integral part of the AwwaRF research process. The Forum will provide an opportunity for the City to explore strategies and initiatives to enhance its position as an environmental leader and identify long and short-term environmental priorities.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is proud to be selected as the host for this important summit, said **Gregory A. Kisela**, Assistant City Manager. We look forward to working in partnership with our

citizens to address key issues essential to preserving the environment.

David Gluckman, one of the state's leading environmental attorneys and a lobbyist for the Florida Wildlife Foundation, will deliver the Forum's keynote address which will focus on the evolving role of municipalities in relationship to environmental preservation.

The all-day Environmental Leadership Forum is part of a national research project that focuses on the role water utilities play in environmental initiatives. The goal of the Forum is to gather information that the AwwaRF research team will use to produce a practical application guide tailored to the needs of water utilities of different sizes and geographic locations.

The guide will include techniques that water utilities across the country can use to assist them with improving their environmental leadership skills. Information for the guide will be compiled from surveys of water utility managers and the public regarding environmental leadership, as well the information presented at each of the three forums.

For more information about the Environmental Leadership Forum, please contact the Public Information Office at (954) 828-4PIO (4746).

Fort Lauderdale in Transition

In the coming weeks, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission will move forward with plans for the future administration of the City. Our elected officials will appoint an interim City Manager who will serve for approximately six months. During this time, the City Commission will conduct a national recruitment for a new City Manager.

The City of Fort Lauderdale wishes former City Manager Floyd Johnson well and thanks him for his years of service as City Manager.



*Floyd Johnson,
former City Manager
of the City of Fort
Lauderdale*

As we move through the process of appointing a new City Manager, Fort Lauderdale citizens will continue to receive high quality customer service.

Our employees remain dedicated to fulfilling the many functions and services essential to the smooth operation of the City.

The City of Fort Lauderdale values your input as a citizen. For more information about the status of the City Manager's Office, please contact the Public Information Office at (954) 828-4PIO (4746) or visit the City's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov.

City Launches Pilot Program for Floating Dock on New River

The City of Fort Lauderdale has launched a pilot program to construct a floating dock on the north bank of the New River just east of Esplanade Park.

This project will provide recreational boaters with a temporary docking facility located near numerous City attractions, said **Jamie Hart**, City of Fort Lauderdale Marine Facilities Manager.

The 100 lineal feet of floating dockage will accommodate up to four small boats (30-foot or less) and put boaters within walking distance of Riverwalk, Himmarshee Village, Broward Center for

the Performing Arts, Museum of Discovery & Science, Old Fort Lauderdale Village & Museum, Esplanade Park, shops and restaurants. Plus, boaters will have access to area activities and events including the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch.

The Antique Boat Museum, which is scheduled to be built on the site of the former New River Post Office, will also use the dock for events and exhibitions.

The City plans to apply for a matching grant from the Broward County Boating Improvement Program to help fund at least half of the \$125,000 dock project.

If the pilot program is successful, additional floating dock locations will be explored along the New River.

Construction of the new dock is expected to begin in mid 2004. The floating dock is expected to open in the Spring of 2005.



Contact the City's Marine Facilities Office at (954) 828-5423 for more details.

Visit Fort Lauderdale Online at www.fortlauderdale.gov

City Votes to Stop Construction at Airport

At its meeting on September 3, 2003, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission



voted 4-1 to temporarily void the Development Order that authorizes the expansion of Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport.

The Commission's action stems from the belief that Broward County has violated the terms of the Development Order by not proceeding with plans to extend the airport's south runway to 9,000 feet.

The south runway extension was agreed to in 1997 as part of a package that included numerous airport improvements. Broward County has completed many of the ancillary improvements but is reconsidering the south runway extension.

We approved this project with the ultimate goal of seeing the County construct a 9,000-foot runway, said **Commissioner Cindi Hutchinson**. If the runway is not completed, all of the other improvements may not have been necessary.

By temporarily voiding the Development Order the City contends that Broward County should stop all construction related to the airport expansion project until the runway issue is resolved.

We're asking Broward County to live up to its agreement with the City, added **Commissioner Hutchinson**. If the County wants to change its plans, the City must be afforded an opportunity to mitigate those changes.

Broward County has indicated it will not stop work on the project, unless it is forced to do so by a court order.

It appears that this issue will need to be settled through litigation, said Fort Lauderdale **City Attorney Harry Stewart**.

The runway extension will allow the airport to simultaneously use the north and south runways for takeoffs and landings, a configuration that will more equitably distribute the impact of aircraft noise on surrounding neighborhoods. The extension will accommodate the airport's future growth and strengthen its position as a catalyst for job creation, tourism and business development.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

TODAY IS



Upcoming Holiday Schedule

Veteran's Day - Tuesday, November 11

In observance of Veteran's Day, City of Fort Lauderdale offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11. Offices will reopen on Wednesday, November 12.

Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 27

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Offices will re-open on Monday, December 1.

City's Volunteer Partnership Project with Stephen Foster Elementary a Big Success

The City of Fort Lauderdale recently completed its first City/School volunteer partnership project when it teamed with Stephen Foster Elementary School, located at 3471 S.W. 22 Street, to help with preparations for the current school year.

More than 50 volunteers donated their time and energy to the project, which was coordinated by the City of Fort Lauderdale's Citizens Volunteer Corps (CVC) and the Municipal Leadership in Education (MLE) project. Residents and neighbors worked side by side with parents, teachers, school administrators and students to complete a variety of outdoor maintenance projects including planting trees, shrubs and flowers; raking; mulching; pressure cleaning; and installing new landscaping and planter beds.

We appreciate the tremendous effort put forth by the City to make this project a success," said **Mike Cassaw**, Principal of Stephen Foster Elementary. "The landscaping enhancements will help beautify our walkways and courtyards while brightening our school surroundings."

The idea for the project first came about through the City's Municipal Leadership in Education (MLE) project, an initiative designed to improve public education by reconnecting citizens with their local schools. Fort Lauderdale is one of only six cities in the United States participating in the program which is sponsored by the National League of Cities.

"Motivating citizens to take an active role in their neighborhood schools is a large part of what the MLE project is all about," said **Lu Deaner**, MLE project team member. "Seeing so many volunteers take part in this effort is a reflection of how deeply committed Fort Lauderdale citizens are to making a difference in their community."

In addition to the outdoor work, volunteers also assisted teachers with bulletin board preparation, textbook numbering, classroom set-up and other organizational initiatives.

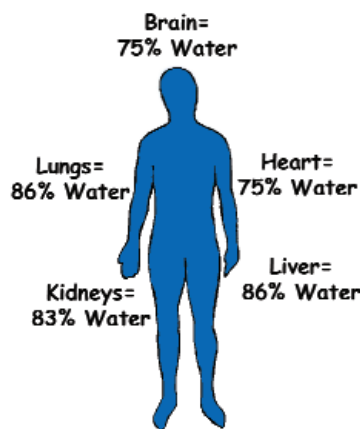
"Anytime our resources can be used to help our schools, we stand ready to meet the challenge," said **Vice Mayor Carlton B. Moore**, Chair of the Citizens Volunteer Corps Steering Committee. I congratulate all those who participated in this project.

Established by the Fort Lauderdale City Commission, the Citizens Volunteer Corps is comprised of volunteer residents who serve on an "as needed" basis to address non-emergency, citywide projects that positively impact the community.

Fort Lauderdale residents are welcome and encouraged to participate in both groups. For more information about how you can participate in the Municipal Leadership in Education project, please contact **Leslie Carhart** at (954) 828-8962 or email lcarrhart@fortlauderdale.gov. To join the Citizens Volunteer Corps, contact **Pam Brown** at (954) 828-5005 or email pbrown@fortlauderdale.gov.



Water Is an Essential Element for Good Health



The human body is composed of approximately 60 to 70 percent water.

The human body consists of approximately 60 to 70 percent water and cannot survive without it. Water regulates body temperature, helps blood circulation, cushions and protects vital organs, converts food to energy, helps our bodies carry and absorb oxygen and nutrients and helps remove harmful wastes.

To ensure optimal health and proper body functioning, a clean, safe drinking water supply is essential. The City of Fort Lauderdale's network of dedicated employees continuously test the City's water to provide high quality drinking water everyday.

How do you know the City's water is safe to drink? The City takes an average of 145 water samples per month, which equates to an estimated 1,700 samples

per year and more than 10,400 samples for the last six years. These samples are all tested in state certified laboratories and the results have all been 100 percent in compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Florida Administrative Code.

Information on the City's water quality is also reported annually in a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), also known as a Water Quality Report. This report is mailed to every City water customer as mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1999. Since the City's first published CCR, no contaminants have been detected in the drinking water.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has been providing water to citizens for more than 75 years. City employees constantly strive to improve the quality of life for citizens by improving the water treatment process, by providing quality service and by providing dependable drinking water.

For more information on the City's water quality or to receive a copy of the latest CCR, please contact the **24-hour Customer Service Center at (954) 828-8000**.



Pledge to Recycle on America Recycles Day

City of Fort Lauderdale residents are great recyclers, but recycling is more than putting the bin out on the curb. Residents can take this environmental friendly act to the next level by purchasing products made from recycled materials. Purchasing recycled products creates a market for new items, as well as reduces water and air pollution, reduces energy consumption and reduces City disposal costs.

Many products such as aluminum and steel cans, glass bottles, paper products, trash bags, textiles and cat litter are made from recycled materials. Packaging for many products such as eggs, butter, soaps and bleach, shampoo and conditioner, lotions, mouthwash, pet food, and cereal are also made from recycled products.

The City will celebrate America Recycles Day (ARD) on Friday, November 14th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the lobby of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave. Items made from recycled materials will be on display and visitors can play the Why Recycle? game to win prizes.

For more information on ARD, contact **Casey Eckels, City Recycling Coordinator at (954) 828-5577**.

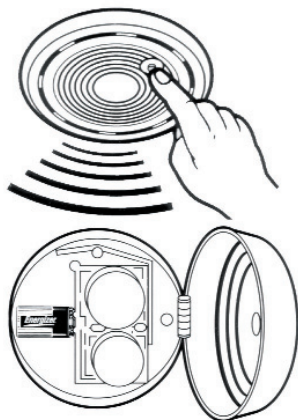
Smart Lawn Maintenance Prevents Stormwater Pollution



Keeping your yard lean and green comes with a high price tag for stormwater management and can be a major contributor to stormwater pollution. Garden chemicals such as pesticides and fertilizers are transported to the City's waterways via stormwater runoff to storm drains and catch basins. These chemicals may kill pests and weeds, but they also poison fish, kill beneficial insects and contaminate waterways because they are washed off of lawns and landscaping. Some general tips to prevent stormwater pollution that results from lawn and garden care include:

- Use organic or non-toxic pesticides and fertilizers, preferably with slow release.
- Mix and load fertilizers or pesticides on the grass, not on driveways or paved surfaces.
- Only treat problem areas and use enough pesticide for the area being treated. Save extra for future use.

- Do not over fertilize. Excess fertilizer and pesticides can promote the growth of plants and algae that clog our waterways and contaminate fish and wildlife in and around them.
- Do not fertilize prior to rain or if it is windy.
- Do not spray fertilizers or pesticides near waterways, ponds, ditches, streams or lakes.
- Know how to clean up spills and be prepared to do so.
- Dispose of yard waste properly. Do not blow, rake or wash leaves, clippings or excess chemicals into streets, gutters or storm drains.
- Do not over water. It wastes water and washes pollutants into storm drains.
- Dispose of lawn and garden chemical products at hazardous waste drop off sites. Never dump it down a drain.
- Store pesticides, fertilizers and other chemicals in a dry, covered area to protect containers from deterioration resulting from exposure.



Most smoke alarms provide a test button you may use to test the unit periodically to assure proper operation. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and be replaced every 10 years. Batteries normally last up to one year, and usually the smoke detector provides an audible indication when the batteries become weak. Ideally, you should have at least one smoke detector on each level of your home.

Don't Fall Back on Changing Smoke Alarm Batteries

Smoke alarms save lives, but not unless they have working batteries. Time will fall back one hour on Sunday, October 26th, but residents shouldn't fall back on changing their smoke alarm batteries when changing their clocks.

A working smoke alarm provides critical escape time in the event of a fire. This is especially important when sleeping because fire generates smoke and toxic gases that cause people to sleep even deeper. To ensure proper installation and use of smoke alarms the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department offers the following fire safety tips.

- 🔥 If sleeping with doors closed, install smoke alarms in the bedrooms.
- 🔥 Check the date on batteries to ensure they are fresh.
- 🔥 Never remove or borrow a smoke alarm battery to use in something else.
- 🔥 Install smoke alarms with louder tones or strobe lights for the hearing impaired.
- 🔥 Vacuum or dust smoke alarms to keep them working properly. Never paint them.
- 🔥 Install new smoke alarms and batteries when you move into a new home.



Learn to Be an Escape Artist During Fire Prevention Week

Time is not on your side if a smoke alarm goes off in your home. In as little as two minutes, a fire can destroy it. Whether you get out in time depends on having an early warning system and an escape plan that the whole family knows. Smoke alarms and home fire drills are essential tools that provide the extra escape time needed to save lives.

The National Fire Protection Association

(NFPA) is promoting the Get Out, Stay Out! campaign during Fire Prevention Week (FPW) this October. According to the NFPA, The campaign helps families prepare for such an emergency by teaching them how to install and test smoke alarms, as well as how to plan and practice home escape plans.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department encourages residents to join together during FPW and design a home escape plan.

The plan should include two ways to escape out of every room. The plan should be practiced twice yearly. In addition, family members should learn the Get Out, Stay Out! rules - (1) get out of the house, (2) call the fire department, and (3) do not go back into the house until fire-fighters say it is safe to do so.

For more information about smoke alarms, home fire drills or this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, please visit the FPW website at www.firepreventionweek.org.

Rock Island Elementary Students Remember Firefighters on 9/11

The two-year anniversary of September 11th was marked with various ceremonies and unselfish acts of giving in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Students from Rock Island Elementary joined in this effort and showed their appreciation for Fort Lauderdale firefighters. The stu-



dents collected and delivered several boxes of food to Station 46 to thank the firefighters for risking their lives every-day to ensure they are able to attend school in a safe and secure environment.

During their visit, the students received a tour of the fire engine and rescue truck, as well as learned about the type of rescues firefighters perform and the equipment they use to save lives. The students handled equipment such as the Jaws of Life, tried on bunker gear, and, as one student put it, had their heart (blood) pressure taken. The students also received a surprise visit from Fire Chief Otis J. Latin, Sr.

According to Bertha M. Hunter, Rock Island Elementary Principal, the students are encouraged to get more involved in their community and projects such as this teach them valuable lessons.

The firefighters are great role models in the community that the children can reach out to. They always remember things like this, said Principal Hunter.



Firefighters Train to Be Life-Saving Champions



Champions train every day to be the best they can be by putting in hours and hours of training. However, champions are not just those in the spotlight signing autographs. They are men and women like Fort Lauderdale firefighters who train hard every day to be champions at saving lives and protecting property. To become life-saving champions, firefighters must have education, hands-on experience and continuous training.

From the time they choose firefighting as a career to the day they retire, firefighters participate in hours of training. Before being eligible to apply for employment with the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department, approximately two years of training must be completed to obtain the minimum firefighter, emergency medical technician (EMT) and state certifications.

Additional education and training is required to obtain paramedic certification, which involves completing a two-year program in Emergency Medical Services where advanced skills and administration of medications are learned.

All Firefighter/EMTs (FF/EMTs) must also have a Basic Life Support card and Health Care Provider card which verifies their cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic electronic defibrillation certification. Firefighter/Paramedics (FF/PMs) must have an Advanced Life Support card, as well as a Health Care Provider card.

Firefighters begin their departmental training with a six to eight week orientation at the Fire-Rescue Training and Special Operations Bureau. During orientation, firefighters complete medical and fire-rescue training on specific departmental protocol, Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), report writing and basic daily operations.

The Fire-Rescue Department also provides training in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and Basic Trauma Life Support for FF/PMs, which goes above and beyond the state's requirements.

Upon completion of orientation, firefighters are assigned to one of 13 Fire-Rescue stations where they begin a one-year probationary period. Firefighters are required to complete daily performance objectives and crews drill them on skills such as using hose lines, ventilation and forcible entry.

During their probationary period, FF/PMs are assigned to work side-by-side for 24-hour shifts with one of the department's preceptors (or mentors) who is a paramedic approved by the City's Medical Director. FF/PMs remain under the preceptor's supervision and never work alone until they are signed off by the Medical Director. While working with a preceptor, a FF/PM's knowledge, skills and abilities are evaluated and logged daily. After 10 consecutive shifts, FF/PMs sit with their preceptor, as well as a group of the City's senior Fire Officers, to review their evaluations. Recommendations are then made for FF/PMs to either have additional ride time with their preceptor or be signed off by the Medical Director, which enables them to work on their own.

Training for all FF/PMs and FF/EMTs is ongoing and includes infectious disease and HIV courses, live fire training, extrication training, pre-hospital trauma life support, PALS, ACLS, and new technology, procedures, equipment and medications training. All medical training must be approved by the Medical Director, who also develops and provides advanced training programs for the department.

Pre-fire planning is another type of training performed by firefighters. During this training they evaluate high risk buildings such as high rises and warehouses to preplan for effective response scenarios.

Firefighters who are members of special teams such as dive rescue, technical rescue and hazardous materials also receive training in their specialty areas. They also participate in joint training with other City departments, county and state agencies, as well as other emergency providers. This training may include exercises pertaining to potential weapons of mass destruction incidents, hazardous materials, City events and special operations.

Fort Lauderdale firefighters have the skills needed to respond to a variety of emergencies such as auto, aircraft and boating accidents, building collapses, natural disasters, water emergencies, medical incidents, fires and more. They constantly train for emergencies to continue providing outstanding service to save lives, reduce injuries and decrease property loss in the City of Fort Lauderdale, as well as surrounding cities in need of their assistance.



Holiday Park Roller Hockey Rinks Set to Open October 24

Give it your best shot! The grand opening celebration of Fort Lauderdale's two unique roller hockey rinks will take place on Friday, October 24 at 6 p.m. at Holiday Park, located at the corner of Sunrise Boulevard and U.S. 1.

Fort Lauderdale residents and fans of the sport are invited to attend the grand opening celebration which will include a ribbon cutting, special remarks by **Mayor Jim Naugle**, **Commissioner Dean Trantalis** and **Tim Hager**, President of the Fort Lauderdale Roller Hockey Association. Select teams will participate in roller hockey games. Refreshments will be served.

Whether it's a slapshot, backhand, or snapshot, you can now practice

your hottest hockey action at the Holiday Park Roller Hockey Rinks, located adjacent to the gym. The rinks will open for play immediately after the celebration.

As the third addition to Holiday Park, the rinks are two permanent 185 foot by 85 foot structures complete with scoreboard and lighting for nighttime games. In addition, the facility features stadium seating, restroom facilities and a covered area for players. Improvements also included the addition of 40 parking spaces, replacement of all fitness trail equipment and renovation of the racquet ball courts.



A view of one of new roller hockey rinks at Holiday Park. The rinks are located behind the gym.

The rinks will be open to the public, free of charge, every day from 9 a.m. to dusk unless league play is scheduled. For more information about the grand opening celebration, call **(954) 828-PARK (7275)**. For league registration information, call the Fort Lauderdale Roller Hockey Association at **(954) 467-2858** or email **thager@bellsouth.net**.



Dragon Boat Team Registration Now Open

Registration for Fort Lauderdale's Second Annual Dragon Boats and Buskers Festival is now open.

This multicultural festival will take place February 6-8, 2004 on the historic New River and along the Riverwalk in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Dragon Boats are the largest flat water racing canoes in the world, constructed of solid teak and weighing 1500 lbs. A crew of 20 paddlers (all one gender, or mixed with a minimum of eight female paddlers) and a drummer will race over a 500m course or a 250m sprint. The races will occur on the New River from the Broward Center for the Performing Arts to Huizenga Plaza.

Dragon Boating is easy and fun, and anyone, young or old, at any fitness level can quickly adapt to this sport.

To register your team or for information about the event, call **Stephanie Brady** at **(954) 828-6621** or visit **www.fortlauderdale.gov/festivals**.

Youth Soccer Leagues Set to Begin in November - Register Now!

Get your kicks during the City of Fort Lauderdale's soccer season! Fall soccer leagues are just around the corner, and now is the time to start thinking about your child's level of play.

Whether it's being the goal keeper or a wing forward, your child will develop his or her playing skills, learn the rules of the game, build teamwork, improve their cardiovascular endurance and agility, engage in social interaction, build character and healthy behavior and make new friends.

Soccer leagues will take place at Croissant, Holiday and Mills Pond Parks. Please see information below for registration information and schedules.



SW Modified Soccer at Croissant Park

The modified soccer league uses smaller fields and goals. The format allows each player to be more involved in the action.

Ages: 4-14

(teams are made up by age groups)

Soccer Academy Dates: Nov. 8 - Feb. 7

Registration: \$95/resident

Non-resident: \$115

Y.E.S. Program: \$25

Registration: Monday thru Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. at Croissant Park Community Center, 245 West Park Drive.

Phone: **(954) 468-1487**

En Espanol: **(954) 828-4573**

Holiday Park Soccer

Ages: 4-9

Saturday games: Dec. 6-Feb. 7

Registration (Oct. 13-24): \$65/resident
Oct. 24-Nov. 7: \$95/resident

Non-resident: \$115

Y.E.S. Program: \$25

Phone: (954) 828-3789

Mills Pond Park

Ages: 10-14

Saturday games: Dec. 6-Feb. 7

Registration

(Oct. 13-Nov. 7): \$65/resident

after Nov. 7: \$95/resident

Non-resident: \$115

Y.E.S. Program: \$25

Phone (954) 828-5977



Volunteer coaches are needed at all three parks. No experience necessary. To volunteer, call the phone numbers listed above.

Stay Safe This Halloween

Halloween is the time of year when witches, ghosts, goblins and superheroes descend upon our neighborhoods. The City of Fort Lauderdale offers the following Halloween safety tips and recommends that families plan ahead to ensure a safe and happy event.



- ♦ Provide children with lightweight flashlights or light sticks to carry for lighting or as part of their costume.
- ♦ Use sidewalks, obey traffic signals and don't run.
- ♦ Stay on well-lit streets and in familiar neighborhoods.
- ♦ A responsible adult should always accompany small children.
- ♦ Stay away from fires and candles.
- ♦ Visit homes that have the porch light on and never go inside a stranger's house.
- ♦ Stay away from unfamiliar animals.
- ♦ Never eat treats until an adult checks them at home.
- ♦ Secure emergency information (name, address, phone number) in costumes or on a bracelet.
- ♦ Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant.
- ♦ Masks can impair vision. Consider a decorative hat or non-toxic, hypoallergenic makeup as a safe alternative.
- ♦ Costumes should be short enough so they do not drag on the ground and shoes should fit properly.
- ♦ Add reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
- ♦ Children should wear a watch that can be read in the dark and carry coins for emergency telephone calls. Children should know their home number and how to dial 9-1-1.
- ♦ Costumed adults handing out candy should use common sense in dealing with the emotions of small children.

City Hosts Halloween Fun for Families

Calling all ghosts and goblins!!! You re invited to join the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department for a safe and exciting Halloween. Here s a list of ghoulish events:

Date/Time	Location	Phone Number
Oct. 26, 2-4 p.m.	Bryant Peney Park, 2200 S.W. 4th Ave.	(954) 468-1487
The Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the Croissant Park Civic Association will host the Annual Halloween Party . This festive event will include costume contests, cookie decorating, halloween craft making and face painting. Admission is free.		
Oct. 30, 6-8 p.m.	Warfield Park, 1000 N. Andrews Ave.	(954) 759-6896
A Halloween Blast for children ages 5-12 will include a pumpkin carving contest, music, games, crafts and a haunted house. Prizes will be awarded for the most original, scariest and funniest costumes. Admission is one canned good per person to benefit the Homeless Assistance Center. Families are welcome.		
Oct. 31, 5:30-8:30 p.m.	Holiday Park, 1150 G. Harold Martin Dr.	(954) 828-5383
Don t miss the Halloween Howl . Children 4-8 years of age are invited to dress up in their scariest, prettiest, ugliest and most unusual costumes. Admission is \$3 for residents. Registration is required and must be made by October 17.		
Oct. 31, 7-10 p.m.	Bass Park, 2750 N.W. 19th Street	(954) 828-8498
The Annual Halloween Costume Party will feature a costume contest, games and refreshments. Awards will be given for best costumes. Admission is \$3 per person.		

Adult Socials at Beach Community Center

The Beach Community Center comes alive with a wide variety of events and activities for your every need. From holiday luncheons to social gatherings, you ll find just what you want to get you going.

Located at 3351 NE 33rd Avenue, just west of A1A and north of Oakland Park Boulevard, the Beach Community Center features adult programs such as computer training, dance lessons, exercise classes and a host of special events.

Ladies, start looking through your closet for those feathers and fringe. Gentlemen, get out those vests and bowler hats. It s time to try your hand in an evening filled with games of chance at the **Roaring 20 s Casino Night**. Test your skills at blackjack, craps, roulette, dancing the Charleston, and the wheel of fortune. The evening will include a catered buffet dinner, roaring 20 s music and Italian favorites, and plenty of card playing. Each registrant will receive casino funny money that the evening s top three winners can exchange for prizes.

The **Thanksgiving Feast at the Beach** will be an afternoon of fun and enjoyment, which will include a catered turkey lunch, great entertainment, bingo and fabulous prizes. Paid reservations must be received by November 12.

If you find it difficult to make it to the theater for all the current movies, then take advantage of the Beach Community Center s **Feature Film**. This facility shows recently released films every Thursday through November 20 at 10 a.m. Admission is free.

Space is limited for these events. For more information, call (954) 828-4610.

Special Events
Roaring 20 s Casino Night
Friday, October 17
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
\$16 per person

Thanksgiving Feast at the Beach
Wednesday, Nov. 19
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
\$9 per person

Register Now!
Space is Limited!



Sound Advice Blues Festival Celebrates the Year of the Blues

The Annual Sound Advice Blues Festival kicks off this fall celebrating 17 years of bringing the best in Blues to Fort Lauderdale. This is one of the premier Blues festivals in the country.

Thousands of people will converge on Fort Lauderdale Festival Site October 31, November 1 and 2 to experience the sounds of nationally known Blues bands. This three-day festival will feature the best performers in the industry including **King Solomon Burke, Bobby Rush, Otis Taylor, Elvin Bishop, Walter Trout, Coco Montoya** and many more.

The fun begins on Friday, October 31 at 5:30 p.m. with the ghoulish **HooDoo VooDoo Halloween Ball**. Children and adults are encouraged to come dressed in costume. Prizes will be awarded. Guided haunted walks will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Then, on Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2 sit back, relax and absorb the fiery sounds of burning guitars and the soulful melodies of some of the nation's legendary and up-and-coming artists. You'll experience a wide array of acoustic styles.

History will be told in the Backwoods

Area on the Blues Corner stage, where many of the performers will host workshops and talk about the beginning of their careers. Acoustic blues and folk sounds will be clearly heard in the relaxing and romantic Backwoods Acoustic Stage.

Arts and crafters will display a variety of works, restaurants will cook some of the finest Creole and southern BBQ, and the Cool Blues Kids Zone area will feature loads of crafts, songs and activities for the children. In addition, children

will learn about recycling, engage in a recycling scavenger hunt and create instruments from their recycling treasures. A Sports Tent will feature four large-screen televisions where you can catch your favorite sport or outdoor activity without leaving the site.

Blankets, lawn chairs and cameras are encouraged. However, pets, video cameras, coolers and picnic lunches are not allowed inside the festival grounds. Cash-only purchases for all beverages, food and crafts; ATMs are available on site.

For more information about the Sound Advice Blues Festival, call the 24-hour Cool Blues Hotline at **(954) 828-5934** or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/festivals.



Admission Prices

Free admission ages 12 & under
Free parking

Special Offer - Advance Tickets

HooDoo VooDoo Halloween Ball \$7

Daily pass \$15 2-day pass \$25

3-day pass \$28

At the Gate

HooDoo VooDoo Halloween Ball \$10

Daily pass \$20 2-day pass \$34

3-day pass \$37

Festival Hours

Fri., Oct. 31: 5:30 - 11:30 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 1: 11 a.m. - Midnight

Sun., Nov. 2: 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

New this Year!!!

Purchase tickets online.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/festivals through October 30. A \$1 fee will be applied to online tickets orders.

Advance Ticket Locations

Sound Advice stores (Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach)

Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Dept. Main Office:

1350 W Broward Blvd

(954) 828-5347

Fort Lauderdale Stadium / City

Festivals Office: 1201 NW 55th St.

(954) 828-3267

Cheer's Food and Spirits:

941 E. Cypress Creek Rd.

(954) 771-6337

Last Call: 5280 N. State Road 7

(954) 733-0990

Order tickets by phone by calling

(954) 828-3267 - MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express accepted.

24 - Hour Cool Blues Hotline (954) 828 - 5934



6th Annual Turkey Shoot Spectacular Set For November 22 at Holiday Park

Win a turkey for your family's Thanksgiving meal as well as provide a meal for those less fortunate during the Holiday Season. The City of Fort Lauderdale's 6th Annual Turkey Shoot Sports Spectacular will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 22 at Holiday Park Hockey Rinks and Holiday Park Gym, Federal Highway and Sunrise Boulevard. This youth and family-oriented event features basketball free throw shooting, hockey puck shooting and soccer goal kicking competitions. For \$1, participants will get 10 shots from the free throw line. Proceeds benefit the Daily Bread Food Bank. For more information, call **(954) 828-3789**.

Executive Airport Enhancing Security

The Access and Security program at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport is well underway. The initiative, designed to enhance the Airport's current security measures, includes installing new chain link fencing, reconfiguring vehicle and pedestrian gates, and adding a new gate access system.

More than 30,000 lineal feet of chain link fence is currently being installed around the perimeter of Executive Airport. The 7-foot high fencing will create a more distinct

boundary between the Airport's air and land operations.

Executive Airport will close several of its pedestrian gates as an additional means of controlling and limiting unauthorized access to the airfield. A new access card system will also be installed at nearly 30 vehicle gates to provide enhanced tracking of vehicles that enter and exit the Airport grounds.

The \$1.7 million project is being funded primarily by grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (90%)

and Florida Department of Transportation (5%). The Airport is funding the remaining five percent of the project.

This program underscores our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment for Airport tenants, users, visitors and the local community," said **Clara**

Bennett, Acting Airport Manager.



New One Stop Shop to Anchor Midtown Business District

Building activity is moving forward in the City of Fort Lauderdale's Midtown Business District as construction continues on the new One Stop Shop, which will be located at Sistrunk Boulevard and N.W. 18 Avenue on the former site of the Lincoln Park School.

The 36,000 square foot building will house the City's Construction Services Division, which includes building, permitting, planning and zoning and the Community Inspections Division, which comprises code enforcement and occupational licensing.

"Having a larger, more user-friendly facility will enable us to maximize resources, streamline operations and enhance our customer service," said **Cecelia Hollar**, Director of Construction Services for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The new One Stop Shop is specifically designed to meet the needs of customers. The facility will feature a Customer Information Center staffed by trained professionals who will expedite requests and direct customers to the appropriate areas for service. Additional amenities offered at the new facility will

include easy accessibility, a spacious lobby, a large parking lot and free parking. Customers will also have access to a computer station and a separate work area where revisions may be made to plans.

The new One Stop Shop will complement other City redevelopment initiatives taking place in the Midtown Business District, including the Sistrunk Boulevard Urban Enhancement Project, an initiative designed to revitalize Sistrunk Boulevard; Sweeting Estates, which will include up to 50 affordable single-family homes; and Sweeting's Landing, which will feature 12 upscale homes built on the New River.

In addition to housing close to 150 City employees, the new One Stop Shop will bring increased exposure and visibility to the Midtown Business District. An array of professionals will use the new facility on a regular basis including architects, builders, contractors, developers, engineers, consultants and other specialists.

"The One Stop Shop represents another positive step in the City of Fort Lauderdale's ongoing commitment to redevelop the Midtown Business District," said **Vice Mayor Carlton B. Moore**. "We expect this project to be a catalyst for additional investment and business development in the area."

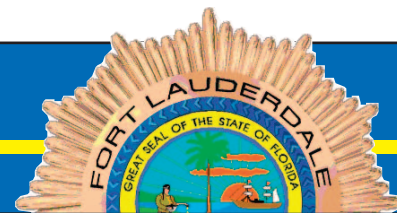
The \$3.4 million facility is being built using "tilt-wall construction," a process that calls for the walls of the building to be poured on the ground and then raised or "tilted" into place. Using this method to build the new One Stop Shop will save time and be more cost effective than the traditional construction process.

The City expects the new One Stop Shop to open by the Spring of 2004.

Right: Workers pour the foundation of the City's new One Stop Shop.

Below: A rendering of the facility's front entrance.





Marine Patrol Offers Safety Tips for Boaters

Boating is one of the most popular, year-round activities in Fort Lauderdale. Each year, more and more individuals and families are discovering the fun and enjoyment that this recreational pastime brings.

With more than 50,000 registered boaters in the greater Fort Lauderdale area, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Marine Unit must be ready and prepared to handle any situation.

The 13-member Unit enforces waterway safety rules, responds to calls for service, investigates burglaries and larcenies, works with other marine entities with the interdiction of illegal activities such as narcotics and refugees and educates the community by sharing information at homeowner association meetings.

"Our City is set up with its myriad of waterways where one can do almost anything by water that is done by land," said Sgt. Mike O'Connor. "Through citizen contacts, we attempt to educate boaters about the rules of the waterways. Our goal is to ensure the safety of our boating community."

O'Connor urges all boaters to follow these simple safety tips:

- Training is a must. Boating starts with training and although not all boaters want to become licensed captains, it's important to participate in training sessions. In addition to state statutes, training will teach boaters the "rules of the road," which are the do's and don'ts of boating.
- Be aware of your surroundings. If you are not a resident navigator or not familiar with boating in Fort Lauderdale, you should plot the course before navigating the waters.
- Have your necessary safety equipment readily available. Safety equipment includes one personal floatation device for



each person on the trip, safety flairs and a sound-making device like a horn or whistle.

If a boater follows the rules, has their safety equipment and knows where they're going, they should have a safe outing, said O'Connor.

Extensive training is required for all members of the Marine Unit. Marine officers must complete a comprehensive 160-hour training program that focuses on boating operations.

In addition to law enforcement, the Marine Unit plays an integral role in the preparation and security of various special events hosted annually by the City of Fort Lauderdale along the waterways. Some of these events include Fleet Week, the Winterfest Boat Parade, the McDonald's Air and Sea Show and the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

The Marine Unit has an impressive fleet, which consists of nine twin-engine police equipped boats and two auxiliary crafts, a confiscated craft on loan from U.S. Customs and a 17' police boat designed for difficult-to-reach inland waters. The Unit operates 17 hours a day, seven days a week and is responsible for 165 miles of interior coastline and seven miles of beach-side coastline.

"The marine unit provides a valuable service to the City of Fort Lauderdale, not only by enforcing boating regulations, but also by assisting boaters and users of our waterways," said Chief Bruce Roberts. "They provide a safe and enjoyable recreational environment for our residents and visitors."



MADD Honors Police Chief and Officers at Appreciation Luncheon

The Broward County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) recently recognized Police Chief Bruce Roberts as Chief of the Year for his support of the organization at its Annual Appreciation Luncheon. In addition several Fort Lauderdale Police Officers received awards for their efforts to educate the public about alcohol and substance abuse.

Officers T.J. White, Colin Cowderoy and Scott Hickey received the Law

Enforcement Award of Excellence. The Unit-Task Force Awards were presented to the Fort Lauderdale Traffic Homicide Unit: Sgt. Tom Dickson and Traffic Homicide Investigators Jill Hirsch, Dan Nahum, Cindy Wilburn, Cheryl Creque, Faye Zullick and Sandra Knutten. The Traffic Homicide Award, a new award this year, was presented to those who demonstrate exceptional dedication and commitment to investigating DUI traffic fatalities. The recipients were: Jill Hirsch, Dan

Nahum, Cindy Wilburn and Cheryl Creque.

MADD's focus is to look for effective solutions to drunk driving and underage drinking problems, while supporting those who have already experienced the pain of these senseless crimes. The organization partners with the Broward County School Board to provide educational programs about alcohol abuse for all students. For more information about MADD, call (954) 667-0167.

Fort Lauderdale Police Receive High Rating for Top-Notch Service

Many years ago, police officers were known for fighting crime, catching the bad guys and putting them in jail. Today, Fort Lauderdale's police officers have changed that stereotype. Instead, officers proactively reach into the community to be closer to the citizens they protect, said **Police Chief Bruce Roberts**.

Reaching into the community is one way that the Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD), a fully accredited



Police officers assist visitors on Fort Lauderdale Beach.

agency, continually builds on the foundation of

"community policing." Police personnel participate in more than 40 programs that benefit the residents and their neighborhoods, attend cultural diversity training to bring knowledge about a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds and are highly trained in field operations and tactics.

"Our officers are extremely proactive and visible in the community," said Roberts. "We're here to do more than enforce the law. We're here to create positive relationships with the people we serve. It's important for the police department to have the trust and confidence of its citizens because they need to know that we are here to serve and protect them."

According to an independent survey,

Fort Lauderdale citizens are very happy with police services. For the past two years, FLPD has received a 92 percent satisfaction rating from its citizens. That's up from 64 percent in 1996. This vote of confidence is evidence that the men and women of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department are professional, culturally aware and highly trained.

Fort Lauderdale police officers are trained and re-trained in human and cultural diversity, racial profiling, homelessness, use of force and tactics which support the Department's policies and procedures, said Roberts. We've increased our training from 40 hours every four years to 40 hours every year.

All complaints are fully investigated by the Internal Affairs (IA) Unit and go before the Citizens Review Board (CRB), which is made up of nine individuals who make a recommendation to the City Manager. Fort Lauderdale is the only municipality in Broward County with a CRB to review IA cases.

If a complaint is filed against an officer and that complaint is justified, then the officer is required to go through additional training, said Roberts.

FLPD offers programs that bring the organization and its citizens together. Some of these programs include Shop with Cops, Citizens on Patrol, Landlord/Tenant Training, Teen Police Academy, and Violence in the Workplace and Protecting Your Child Online workshops. To find out more about these programs, call **(954) 828-6428**.

Enroll Now for Community Police Academy

The 20th Community Police Academy (CPA) is scheduled to begin in February 2004. Register now as class space is limited.

The CPA is one of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's (FLPD) most popular community programs. The free classes take place for 14 weeks on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the FLPD, 1300 W. Broward Blvd. Registration is open to residents, civic and government organization members and business owners to foster an active partnership with the community. Topics addressed include community policing, officer selection, recruiting, drug enforcement, special investigations and much more.

For more information, please call **(954) 828-6428**. Applications may be downloaded from the City's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov/police.



Landlord/Tenant Training

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is offering a free Landlord/Tenant Training on November 19 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Community Support Division - Training Room, 533 N.E. 13th Street. Topics of discussion will include keeping illegal activity out of your property, screening applicants, the Federal Fair Housing Act, Section 8 Housing and more. This workshop is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call **(954) 828-6428**.

Police Officer Receives Recognition from FDLE

Lt. Governor Toni Jennings recently presented Fort Lauderdale Police Officer Mark Renner with an award nomination for the 2002-2003 Florida's Missing Children Law Enforcement Trailing Team of the Year Award. This is one of the most prestigious awards given by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Missing Children's Information Clearinghouse Advisory Board to recognize a law enforcement trailing team for their outstanding work in numerous cases resulting in the location and recovery of missing children.



Officer Renner with Lt. Gov. Toni Jennings

Renner, an 11-year veteran of FLPD who is currently assigned to the K-9 Unit, responded to the scene of a missing autistic child with his partner, Floyd. Despite the fact that this team had just concluded an exhaustive search and it was midnight, the two began an immediate search for the child. Together, they searched every yard in the area until Floyd alerted to a fresh human scent. Within moments, 5-year old Ricardo Joseph was found sleeping under a tree. A possibly more serious situation was avoided by the dedication of Officer Renner and Floyd.

It's nice to receive positive feedback for the work that you do, said Renner. The true reward for me was being able to find and return this child to his mother safe and sound.

Around Town



Christmas on Las Olas

Christmas on Las Olas Set for Dec. 2

Holiday lights, strolling carolers and animated displays will be a part of this year's Christmas on Las Olas, the annual holiday extravaganza that raises funds for local charities.

This free, extraordinary event will take place on December 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. on Las Olas Boulevard between SE 6th and SE 11th Avenues.

Every year Christmas on Las Olas adds new and exciting activities. This year's new "showstopper" is the Kid's Tour. Children will be given a game card listing all the exciting activities located on the Boulevard. If they visit 4 out of the 6 they are eligible for a prize. The event doesn't forget old favorites, such as photos with Santa and the ever-popular Snow Mountain ride.

Ample parking is available at the Riverside Parking Garage behind the Riverside Hotel.

The ceremonial "Lighting of the Boulevard" will take place at 6 p.m. For more information, contact (954) 523-5001.

Heroes in Pinstripes Fantasy Camp

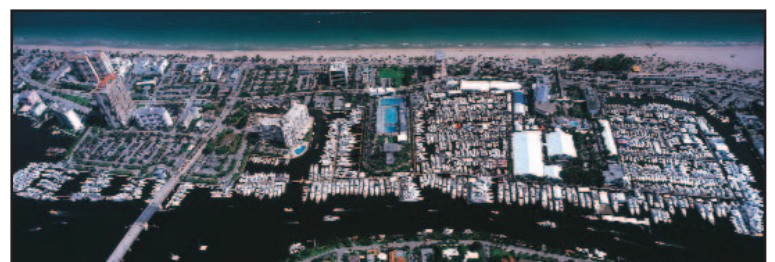
Hey batter, batter, batter...swing batter!

Have you ever dreamed of playing baseball in the major leagues? Well, here's your chance. For nearly two decades, Fort Lauderdale Stadium has hosted the Heroes in Pinstripes Fantasy Camp for those who want a chance to live the life of a Yankees rookie for one amazing week. This extraordinary camp will take place November 3-8 at the Fort Lauderdale Spring Training Complex, where many of your favorite Yankees and Orioles have trained. For more information on being coached by the legends of baseball, please call Wanda Greer in the Heroes in Pinstripes office at (606) 474-2514.



Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show

The 44th Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show will take place October 30-November 3 featuring more than \$1.6 million worth of boats, yachts, superyachts and accessories from every major marine manufacturer and builder worldwide. More than 3 million square feet of exhibit space, both on land and in water, will be filled with top makes and models of boats from around the world including runabouts, sportfisherman, high performance boats, center consoles, cabin cruisers, express cruisers, sailing yachts, motor yachts, canoes, extraordinary superyachts and much more. Thousands of accessories, fishing equipment, electronics and fishing seminars, and the Kids Fishing Clinics will also be featured. The show spans six locations: Radisson Bahia Mar Yachting Center, Broward County Convention Center, Marriott Portside Marina, Hyatt Pier 66 Hotel & Marina, Hall of Fame Marina and the Las Olas Marina. A special Prime Time Preview will take place on October 30 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Admission to the Prime Time Preview is \$28. General admission hours are October 31 and November 1 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; and November 2 and November 3 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission prices are as follows: daily general admission for adults - \$14; two-day pass \$22; five-day pass \$55; Prime Time Preview \$28. Admission for children (ages 6-12) is \$4, admission for children under 6 is free. The Water Taxi will provide transportation to and from the following waterfront locations during the show: Bahia Mar Yachting Center, Broward County Convention Center, Doubletree Guest Suites, Marriott Portside Marina, Hyatt Regency Pier 66 and Shooters. For more information, call (954) 764-7642 or visit www.showmanagement.com.



Eye Magic at MODS

Are your eyes playing tricks on you? You may think so after you experience the Museum of Discovery and Science's newest traveling exhibit, Eye Magic - Illusions to Boggle Your Mind. You will enjoy innovative, hands-on exhibits designed to combine fun and excitement with science, math, perception and illusion. You can test your senses at various types of visual illusions exploring the conflict between perception and reality. The Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information about the Museum or this exhibit, call (954) 467-MODS (6637).

Visit Fort Lauderdale Online at www.fortlauderdale.gov



Dogs Swim At Snyder Park

Swimming is a great exercise...for dogs. Now, your four-legged companion can have a dog-gone good time splashing around in Snyder Park's east lake. The lake is open to our canine friends every weekend and holiday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through December. For a \$1 per dog admission cost, dogs can cool off by swimming off-leash in the fresh water lake. All dogs must have proof of current vaccination, tag, collar and leash to enter Snyder Park. Weekend admission to Snyder Park is \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for youth 6-12 years and seniors and children under 5 years are free. For more information, call **(954) 828-DOGS (3647)**.

A Doggie Playground For Your Four-Legged Friend

Run! Jump! Bark! It's time to visit Bark Park at Snyder Park, a two-acre playground that gives dogs a safe place to play off-leash. Bark Park, which is open everyday from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., features agility equipment, shelters, small/large dog areas, hose stations and drinking fountains. Regular park admission applies. For more information, call **(954) 828-DOGS (3647)**.



Unique Opportunities At Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

Share the quiet elegance of the Bonnet House - an historic house museum, located at 900 North Birch Road. The artistry of the home and tranquility of its 35-acre setting are unique in this urban setting. Volunteers are needed to welcome visitors, conduct tours of the nature trail, and to serve as back-up guides for the historic house tours. An orientation program will take place on October 15 at 3 p.m. followed by training sessions on October 22 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To sign up, please contact Linda Schaller, Volunteer Coordinator (954) 563-5393 ext. 137. For information on special events, log on to www.bonnethouse.org or call the Bonnet House at **(954) 563-5393**.

Promenade In The Park

The popular three-day festival returns November 7-9 to Fort Lauderdale's Holiday Park and War Memorial Auditorium, corner of Sunrise Boulevard and Federal Highway. Hours are 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on November 7; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on November 8; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on November 9. Enjoy continuous live entertainment, stroll through the juried fine art show, the country crafts, a marketplace, civic exhibits and a flea market. The Children's Area will feature interactive games, activities, amusement rides and student art exhibits. Save by purchasing tickets at the pre-sale rate of \$5, through November 6. Regular admission is \$7. Children ages 12 and under are free. \$20 unlimited ride bracelets are available during the event. Tickets can be purchased at a variety of sites including War Memorial Auditorium, the Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale, Flora Ottimer, Galleria Mall Information Booth. All proceeds benefit the Museum of Art. For more information, log on to www.PromenadeinthePark.com or call **(954) 764-5973**.



Family Fun At The SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch

The Downtown Riverwalk along the New River comes alive on the first Sunday of every month for the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch offering plenty of jazz, food and activities for the entire family. The event is now in its 13th year and is one of the most popular monthly events in the City featuring six stages along the New River highlighting some of South Florida's most popular jazz musicians from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Area businesses offer a variety of tasty treats for purchase. Take a peek at the Old Fort Lauderdale Village and Museum, or tour the Broward Center for the Performing Arts at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Picnic baskets, blankets, chairs and dogs are welcome. For more information call the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch hotline at **(954) 828-5363** or visit the City's web site (www.fortlauderdale.gov/festivals). Don't miss these upcoming acts:

November 2: Brenda Alford Ensemble, Vibrations Jazz Ensemble, Kenny Seabrook Quintet, Grits n Gravy and Jumpstreet 88 Quintet
December 7: Bongo Village, Mantra, Donna Blue McDonald & Bryan Murphy, Jim Seidel Roots of Rhythm and Crupo Contreras



Note: While we make every effort to include timely information, circumstances occasionally force changes to events listed. Please call the numbers listed prior to attending. Additionally, current events may cause delays in mail delivery of this publication. Should you receive this publication after an event has occurred please accept our apologies.

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Know The 5 D's To Prevent West Nile Virus

It's that time of year when mosquitoes seem to be the big buzz around town. With the confirmation of several human cases of West Nile Virus around the country, the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Broward County Health Department urge you to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites.

Recently, the Broward County Health Department announced several confirmed human cases of West Nile (WN) in the South Florida area.

Symptoms of the virus include headache, neck stiffness, vomiting, confusion, disorientation, muscle weakness, photophobia, tachycardia. Physicians should contact the Broward County Health Department if they suspect an individual may meet the case definition for a mosquito-borne illness. Department of Health (DOH) laboratories provide testing services for physicians treating patients with clinical signs of mosquito-borne disease.



The DOH continues to advise the public to remain diligent in their personal mosquito protection efforts. These should include the "5

D's" for prevention:

1/2 Dusk and Dawn - avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are seeking a blood meal, for many species this is during the dusk and dawn hours.

3 Dress - wear clothing that covers skin.

4 DEET - when the potential exists for exposure to mosquitoes, repellents containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide, or N,N-diethyl-3-methylbenzamide) are recommended. Products with concentrations up to 30% DEET are generally recommended for most situations.

It is not recommended to use DEET on children less than 2 months old. Instead, infants should be kept indoors or mosquito netting used over carriers when mosquitoes are present. If additional protection is necessary, apply a permethrin repellent directly to your clothing. Always read the manufacturer's directions carefully before you put on a repellent.

5 Drainage - check your home to rid it of standing water in which mosquitoes can lay their eggs.

One of the keys to preventing the transmission of mosquito-borne illnesses is to eliminate breeding sites. Here are a few tips on the elimination of breeding sites:

- ☒ Clean out eaves, troughs and gutters.
- ☒ Remove old tires or drill holes in those used in playgrounds to drain.
- ☒ Turn over or remove empty plastic pots.
- ☒ Pick up all beverage containers and cups.
- ☒ Check tarps on boats or other equipment that may collect water.
- ☒ Pump out bilges on boats.
- ☒ Replace water in birdbaths and pet or other animal feeding dishes at least once a



Wear long sleeves during peak mosquito biting hours, and spray DEET repellent directly onto your clothes. Don't apply repellents containing permethrin directly to skin.

week.

- ☒ Change water in plant trays, including hanging plants, at least once a week.
- ☒ Remove vegetation or obstructions in drainage ditches that prevent the flow of water.

The DOH continues to conduct surveillance for mosquito borne illnesses, including West Nile virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, St. Louis Encephalitis, malaria, and dengue. Residents are encouraged to report dead birds by calling the West Nile Virus Hotline at **1-888-880-5782**, or via the Web site **www.wild-florida.org/bird**.

For more information about mosquito-borne illnesses, please visit the DOH's Environmental Health website at **www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/hsee/arb o/index.htm** or the Broward County Health Department's at **www.browardchd.org/**.

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